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"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (MATT. 7: 28, 29).

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XXI.

"GROWTH of the Church," by Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., appeared June 10th, 1909. It is a brief review giving statistics of the development, travels and establishment of the Church, stakes and missions, its auxiliary associations, schools, etc. In the June 10th issue, the call is published of an Elders' General Conference to convene at Deseret, London, commencing June 19th, in which all elders of the British mission are invited to be present. This important conference was held, 290 elders attending. It lasted until Monday noon June 21st and many valuable instructions were imparted. It was a time of great rejoicing to all those present. A characteristic, logical, strong discourse on "Tithing," by Professor George H. Brimhall, appeared July 1st, 1909. In this issue the arrival is noticed of President Anthon H. Lund, wife and daughter, and of Sister Andrew Jenson and daughter. Elder Jenson having preceded them on a visit to Scandinavia; and of their departure for the far north, accompanied by President and Sister Penrose, and Elder J. T. Sorenson. In later issues the *Star* chronicles the journeys of this party through Scandinavia, which took some of them as far as North Cape. They saw the Midnight Sun in sublime splendor; and they held meetings in places never before visited by an apostle of the Church. It was a wonderful trip.

July 29th, 1909, is published the remarkable sermon under the caption, "Our indestructible, immortal identity," delivered by President Joseph F. Smith, at the funeral of Sister Rachel R. Grant, the mother of President Grant, January 29th, 1909. The death of Elder George Reynolds August 9th, 1909, and review of his work and character, by President Penrose, appears in the August 26th editorial. In the issue September 9th, he comments feelingly upon the death of Hon. Moses Thatcher, which occurred August

21st. "The Secret of their Greatness," is a continued article, by Elder Lee, running through the October numbers, reviewing the lives of scriptural celebrities, whose distinction was due to the inspiration and counsel of the Lord.

In the review of the departing year, December 30th, 1909, the President refers to the labors of the office force, as follows:

All the conferences in the British Isles have been visited twice during the year by the mission President, who has also attended many district and other meetings in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, also in Denmark, Norway, (extending to the extreme north of that northern land) Sweden, Germany, Holland, etc., finding a splendid spirit among the saints everywhere. He has attended to the editorial work of the *Star*, ably assisted by Elder S. Norman Lee (who succeeded that valiant and faithful worker, Elder W. A. Morton), and supervised the business of the Liverpool office with Elder D. Ray Shurtliff, a most efficient and reliable mission secretary, and Elder Ralph H. Jones, as emigration clerk, who has admirably filled the place formerly occupied with honor by Elder Ralph Ludlow. The general conference of elders held in London in June was one of the events of the year, and was productive of much good.

He also states that the publishing department had printed 5,982,000 tracts, of which 1,184,000 were "Rays of Living Light;" 108,000 other pamphlets; 24,000 bound books, chiefly standard works; 170,000 conference handbills, and the regular issues of the *Millennial Star*, the circulation of which is rapidly increasing. The statistical report for the year showed that there were 7763 members; 938 baptized; 423 emigrated.

In the February 24th, 1910, issue, is a lecture by Elder Richard W. Young, on Major-General Thomas L. Kane—a most interesting biographical tribute to the memory of this so famous friend of our people among the "honorable men of the world." The death of President John R. Winder, March 27th, is published on the 31st, with a brief biography. In the editorial summary of the General Conference, April 21st, reference is made to the appointment of Elder John Henry Smith to be second counselor, in the First Presidency, and of Joseph F. Smith, Jr., as a member of the Twelve. In the same number the cable message, "Penrose released, Clawson appointed," gives notice of the impending change in the mission presidency. May 12th, 1910, the death May 6th, of King Edward VII, is recorded in an editorial signed by Elder S. N. Lee, and May 19th President Penrose's editorial is entitled, "Roosevelt on Ancient and Modern Civilization." It is a splendid tribute to the genius of Roosevelt, who was then concluding his travels through Europe, after his great hunting trip to Africa. This editorial especially reviews his great speech delivered before the Berlin university, in the presence of the Emperor and other royalties of Germany.

June 9th, 1910, President Penrose issues his valedictory and in the

same number Sister Penrose publishes her "Farewell address to the Relief Societies." These are both notable papers full of information, appreciative reminiscence of labors among the saints, and with their fellow-laborers in the mission. There is only room to quote the following brevities from the valedictory:

I arrived here, on my third mission to this country, November 2nd, 1906, and expect to sail from Liverpool on June 11th of the present year. So that by the time I reach home, it will be a little over three years and eight months since I started from Salt Lake City, by appointment of the First Presidency to take charge of Church affairs in this part of the world. The time has passed along with great rapidity. I have been so busily engaged that there has been none to waste. In addition to writing all the editorials, and the oversight and publishing of the *Millennial Star*, and numerous tracts and books and other literature, I have visited twice a year, at least, all the conferences in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and have traveled extensively in Holland, Belgium, Switerland, different parts of Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway. Accounts of these travels have appeared from time to time in this periodical. * * * This Latter-day work has prospered greatly throughout the European Mission. Since I took charge of it, December 1st, 1906, there have been distributed 18,056,257 tracts, 523,216 books, and 3,641 persons have been added to the Church by baptism in the British mission alone. While in the other parts of the European mission there have been at least 7,400,000 tracts distributed, 626,500 books distributed and over 4,860 baptisms, making in the aggregate about 25,000,000, tracts and 1,149,700 books distributed and over 8,500 persons baptized. Thousands of investigators who have not yet obeyed the gospel have become believers in its principles, and many of them will doubtless also break the bonds of tradition and social environments, and cast in their lot with the people of God. These results have been achieved by the blessing of the Lord upon the labors of earnest and diligent laborers in His vineyard. Seeds sown under the direction of my predecessors, notably Presidents Heber J. Grant and Francis M. Lyman, have borne fruit in more recent times and are counted in with the result of later efforts. They give encouragement for continued endeavors, and foreshadow still greater returns. * * * I leave the mission in excellent condition, financially, numerically and spiritually. The prospects for the future are glorious. The hearts of the people are being softened towards us. Our real character is shining out through the mists of falsehood that have been raised to befog the public mind. The Lord is with us. His light is prevailing over the darkness of this world. Truth must and will prevail. I know it will conquer and become universally triumphant.

President and Sister Penrose sailed for home on the s.s. *Mauretania*, June 11th, 1910. The night before their departure a delightful sociable was given in their honor, largely attended by elders, saints and friends. They were presented with beautiful diamond rings given by their fellow-laborers throughout the mission, the rare stones having been selected in Amsterdam by an expert for this purpose. The *Star* editorial June 9th, by S. Norman Lee, was

a most eloquent appreciation and grateful acknowledgement of the administration now concluded.

President Rudger Clawson issued the following "Greeting" in the *Star*, June 6th, 1910:

Under appointment of the First Presidency of the Church, I enter upon my labors in the European mission with much pleasure. Although I come now to Europe for the first time, I have ever felt an abiding interest in the work of the Lord in all this broad land, and have rejoiced exceedingly in the steady progress and development of God's purposes among the nations.

I have noted the splendid results growing out of the immediate labors of my predecessor in office, President Penrose, who is well on his way to Zion. He has made a brilliant record in the presidency of the European mission. He was an able advocate of the truth—a speaker and writer of exceptional ability. Many thousands have listened to his voice with rapt attention, and have perused his writings with the keenest satisfaction. * * * As already set forth in the *Star*, President Penrose has been ably supported by the brethren associated with him at Durham House, who have given prompt and careful attention to all matters coming under their jurisdiction. My brief connection with these faithful servants of the Lord has already afforded me great satisfaction, and I am justified in saying that the elders and saints may continue to look for courteous and thoughtful treatment at "headquarters." I heartily commend the mission presidents, conference presidents and traveling elders in the European mission for the excellent work accomplished during the past three years, as summed up and published in the last issue of the *Star*. Surely the Lord is pleased, and the angels rejoice over these devoted servants of the Master. * * * Be not weary of well-doing, always remembering that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but to him who endureth to the end." I bear testimony, as a servant of the Lord holding the keys of the holy apostleship, that the gospel has been restored to the earth in its fulness and power, and we invite all men, everywhere, who are interested in their soul's salvation, to investigate carefully and candidly, and in a prayerful spirit, the claims made by the Latter-day Saints respecting this glorious restoration. The Lord has spoken from the heavens in these latter days, has sent down the authority of the Priesthood, organized His Church, and is preparing a people for His second advent, which is near at hand.

In the issue June 30th, the leading article is the beginning of an address of Senator Reed Smoot, before the Thursday evening club, Boston, which was continued in the following two numbers.

President Clawson undertook his first visit to Scandinavia, June 26th, going first to Denmark, then to Norway, where he says in letters written for the *Star*:

Here we attended a number of meetings of the elders and saints; also attended Sunday-school July 3rd. The Sunday evening meeting was well attended, and Elder Peter C. Rasmussen was installed to succeed Elder Soren Anderson in the presidency of the Christiania conference. I was pleasantly impressed with the excellent singing of the Christiania

choir. We celebrated the 4th of July by holding a spirited priesthood meeting, with some thirty-one elders from Zion, and a well attended meeting in the evening. It was my privilege to speak at all the meetings, and I was ably assisted by President Andrew Jenson, who translated for me.

From Bergen he went to Sweden, holding conferences at Stockholm, Gothenberg and Malmo. He says:

In Sweden there are five conferences and twenty-five branches of the Church, with a total membership (including children) of two thousand nine hundred and eleven. The number of elders laboring in the mission is seventy.

After Sweden he returned to Copenhagen and held three meetings, proceeding from there to Hamburg, Germany, and to Berlin, where he says:

"July 21st, we met with the elders of the Berlin conference at Berlin, an active, wide awake, and intelligent body of young men, as, in truth were all the elders I have met during my visit on the Continent. At the evening meeting the hall was crowded with saints and friends. but the occasion was greatly marred by the entrance of the police, who unceremoniously and in defiance of true politeness, interrupted the speaker and closed the meeting.

The next item of his report is of exceeding interest:

Yesterday, July 24th, I had the pleasure of attending a notable conference of the Netherlands mission held in Rotterdam. President Joseph F. Smith, Bishop Charles W. Nibley and other visitors, and about one hundred and fifty elders were present, President B. G. Thatcher taking charge. At the afternoon services there were eleven hundred people present, and in the evening fifteen hundred crowded into the hall, and listened with rapt attention to the testimonies and exhortations of the Prophet of God, the Presiding Bishop and the elders of the Church. The Sunday evening meeting was one of the largest, if not the largest meeting ever held by our Church in the world, outside the stakes of Zion. There were fifteen hundred present; of this number eight hundred were friends. Thirteen hundred and fifty books were sold. Two Priesthood meetings were held to-day at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There were present President Smith, Bishop Nibley, myself, President Thomas E. McKay, President B. G. Thatcher, one hundred and forty elders and a number of visitors. Many timely suggestions and counsel were given by President Smith and others, and it was a matter of regrets when the meetings came to a close. Priesthood meetings will continue to-morrow and Wednesday, when an adjournment will be reached. President Smith and party leave to-morrow morning for Denmark and the north, and it is expected will meet with the elders and saints in Copenhagen, Christiania and Stockholm before returning."

President Smith and party after visiting the Scandinavian missions, visited Switzerland and then came to England, holding meetings in London, August 14th, and at Liverpool on the 17th and 18th, a full report of the latter being in the September 1st issue.

They sailed for home on the 20th. It is to be noted that Anbrey Parker, from Gateshead-on-Tyne, was a frequent contributor of prose and verse in volume 72, that Joel Ricks wrote up historical evidences of the Book of Mormon, derived from modern researches in Mexico, Central and South America, and that a serial, commencing on September 29th, on "Parentage of Ancient American Art and Religion," by Thomas W. Brookbank, continued until November 24th. There was also an interesting serial by Professor George F. Wright, of Oberlin College, U. S. A., on "The Testimony of the Monuments to the Truth of the Scriptures," which ran from December 1st to the 15th. The meeting at Northampton, December 11th, 1910, at which President Clawson dedicated the chapel that had been recently acquired there by the Church, is reported in the December 10th number. Elder W. P. Monson, president of the London conference, was an occasional writer of doctrinal articles.

Volume Seventy-two closes with the following resumé of the first eleven months of the year.

Tracts distributed from door to door, 7,445,488; in open-air meetings and otherwise, 1,008,760; total tracts distributed, 8,454,248; gospel conversations, 634,526; books sold, 178,292; books loaned, 20,687; books given away, 75,723; total books distributed, 274,702; meetings held in halls, 14,470; in cottages, 5,063; out-doors, 4,062; total meetings held, 23,595; total priesthood and auxiliary association meetings held, 18,525; grand total meetings held, 42,120; baptisms, new members, 2,157; children of members, 378; total baptisms 2,535. Total *Millennial Stars* published, 134,770.

From the last item it appears that the average weekly circulation was about 2,600 copies.

As has been the custom for several years, volume seventy-three begins (January 5th, 1911) with an address by the First Presidency of the Church, copied from the previous Christmas number of the *Deseret News*. It was accompanied by an editorial, "The New Year," signed by President Clawson, in which he expressed his hope for a happy and prosperous New Year for the elders and saints, with unbounded success in the work of God.

There was a renewed spasmodic special effort in 1911 to arouse the world against the Latter-day Saints. It had its usual origin in the revengeful hearts of disappointed apostates and politicians expressing themselves through the venal press in Salt Lake City and elsewhere. The malicious falsehoods that were published were taken up by newspapers and sensational weeklies the world over. In England the provincial press especially were victimized by these slanders, the gist of which purported to reestablish the practice of polygamy, and that missionaries were chiefly employed in bringing young girls to Utah for immoral purposes. The *Liverpool Mercury and Post* and Mr. Bottomley's *John Bull*, were among prominent papers, lending or hiring their columns to the propagation of these falsehoods. *John Bull* is still at it. It was wilfully and woefully ignorant about the Mormons then, and

has not, apparently, learned anything in the past ten years. The leading and editorial pages of the *Star*, from early in 1911, were employed in the refutation of these slanders; articles signed by the First Presidency also appearing. Quotations from the more enlightened and honorable press, whose writers were fair and intelligent enough, with the courage to tell the truth, were also copied in the *Star*. Of such, certain issues of M. A. P. (*Mainly About People*) a London weekly, were notable, see the *Star* for February 23rd, 1911. It is to be recorded to his everlasting credit that Mr. W. T. Stead, the philanthropist and eminent publicist, editor of *Review of Reviews*, who was among the unfortunates that went down in the *Titanic*, was thorough in his investigation of the slanders against the saints, and was fair and square in his refutation of them. In spite of all that was said and done to get the truth before the public, the old adage, however, was again exemplified, "A lie travels a league while the truth gets its boots on," and with the usual consequences of violence in attacks upon the elders, and upon our houses and places of worship. On March 5th, 1911, Durham House was attacked by a half-witted young hoodlum, who broke the glass in the front door and windows, and assaulted Elder Lee. He was arrested, and when about to be brought to trial, he innocently asked his brother if Mr. Bottomley had come down from London to defend him.

In the number for April 6th, 1911, a biography of Oliver Cowdery, prepared for "The Cowdery Family History," by Junius F. Wells, begins and occupies space in three succeeding issues. On May 4th, the release is published of Elder D. Ray Shurtliff, who had acted as secretary of the mission for over twenty-five months. Elder E. Taft Benson was appointed to succeed him. It is noticed that at this period Hiram B. Clawson and Samuel G. Clawson, nephew and son of the President, respectively, were laboring about the Liverpool office. Elder R. W. Young, Jr., was president of the Liverpool conference, and sustained a large share in the defense of the saints, against the frequent mob violence of the times. Even Ex-President Roosevelt was called upon to refute the vile stuff that was being published against the Church in which his name had appeared; and he did so courageously in *Collier's Weekly*. The *Star* May 11th, 1911, copies this article.

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DUTY, be it in a small matter or a great, is duty still, the command of heaven. It is only they who are faithful in a few things who will be faithful over many things; only they who do their duty in every-day and trivial matters who will fulfil them on great occasions. We all admire and honor the heroes of Alma and Balaclava, we all trust that we should have done our duty also in their place. The best test of that is—Can we do our duty in our own place?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1920.

EDITORIAL:

THE DISPENSATION OF AUTHORITY.

TRULY the authority and responsibility of the Lord's servants are comprehensive and very great. Compared to any other upon the earth how immeasurably superior they are. That the work of God might be accomplished and a people chosen and prepared to do it, He has given to his disciples a commission and right to go forth among the children of men that none can deny nor withstand, and He has clothed them with a dignity and power that is irresistible. In sending them out to proclaim the gospel, He defined the field of their ministrations and asserted the Divine purpose and design to occupy it. In the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants this is plainly set out:

"For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape, and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated. * * * And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days. And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them. * * * That the fulness of my gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the simple unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers. Behold, I am God and have spoken it."

In the reflection how perfectly and precisely we see that this declaration of the Almighty, made in 1831, has been, thus far in the progress of His work, absolutely fulfilled. The voice of warning by the mouths of his disciples, and the fulness of the gospel proclaimed by the weak and simple unto the ends of the world. Our whole missionary history has been and is now demonstrating the performance of this labor. Notwithstanding the opposition raised by the world of sectarian bias and unbelief, who have tried with all their power to stay it, the promulgation of the gospel and the sounding of the warning voice of the elders of Israel have been incessant, continuous and widespread as the nations of the earth, and to all of them as fast as they have become accessible. It is a wonderful history, without a parallel, so far as the written history of the previous gospel dispensations disclose the labors of God's authorized servants.

It is recorded that Noah preached for a hundred and twenty years, and there can be no doubt that a thorough proclamation and warning was given of the means of salvation and of the judg-

ments to follow. God would not have permitted the flood and the all-but utter destruction of humanity, without first offering His children the way of escape. But then the people of the earth were few, and while they were nearly all rebellious and disobedient, choosing the ways of death and darkness, rather than of life and light, the exercise of their free agency was not denied them. It may be the Lord cut short the labors of His disciples among them. If so, it was in righteousness, after waiting and long-suffering, and any who failed of salvation in the days of Noah, because of it, had given to them in the days of Christ, a further opportunity to learn the truth. For He went himself to preach to the spirits in prison, "which sometime were disobedient in the days of Noah."

The preaching and warnings of the prophets of the Old Testament appear to have been mostly local, and related to current events, inspired and prophetic though they were, and having their fulfilment within a narrow range of time and circumstance; except, of course, where they were distinctly prophetic of the coming of Christ in the meridian of time, of the succeeding general apostasy and of the restoration in the dispensation of the fulness of times. There was nothing in the labors and ministry of Moses and his associates in delivering Israel from Egyptian darkness, wonderful as they were, that compares in extent and in life-time accomplishment, with the ministry and labors of Joseph Smith and his associates in proclaiming the truth to scattered Israel, converting a people and leading them out from the bondage, the unbelief and the rebellion of a benighted world to the land of Zion. The preaching of the gospel by the disciples of Christ in the meridian of time, was as extended as the known civilized world, then accessible to the inhabitants of the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea; but there is little evidence that it was carried to any extent into other countries: so the labors of the Twelve Apostles, Paul and their associates in the ministry of that period, were short-lived and confined to narrow limits when compared to the spread of the truth by the Church in the present time. Not an authorized servant of God nor an organized branch of the Church could probably be found in Europe or Asia a hundred years after the resurrection of the Savior. The gospel dispensations among the peoples, of which the Book of Mormon gives an account, fared better. There were longer periods in which the people served the Lord, and His word was successfully promulgated to the salvation of many people. Yet the adversary was permitted ultimately to triumph over them, and the gospel and authority of the holy priesthood was taken away.

In all this history of the dealings of the heavenly Father with His children on earth, the same purpose has been held, the same truths taught, the same power made manifest to the utmost that the children of men could or would yield obedience to it and maintain their integrity. Yet the powers of darkness have pre-

vailed, and but few men saved of the multitudes that have inhabited the earth.

The importance of the words of the Lord then, as quoted above, stands forth in conspicuous contrast with any and every previous annunciation of the preaching of the gospel and warning of the people of the judgments to come. In this, the first of the revelations which, though not the first given, is the preface to the book of revelation, it is made plain that the day has now come when the word of the Lord shall be and is being spoken, with the assurance that it shall be heard by all the world; it shall be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, "that all that will hear may hear" and with enduring effect, for does He not say: "What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself: and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same; For behold, and lo, the Lord is God, and the Spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and the truth abideth forever and ever. Amen."

To be the actual messengers of life and salvation in this dispensation, qualified to proclaim the truth and administer the ordinances of the gospel, is indeed an honor, and the responsibilities and obligations resting upon those called into this service, are important and very great. It is true that in these last days God has found men of character that He could call and trust with this commission. The Latter-day Saints have gone forth maintaining it, and none have been able to stay them. It is still with the authorities of this Church. It has been upheld by the faith and confidence of thousands, who hearing and believing the words that have been spoken, have come to the knowledge of the truth. They know that it is the Lord's work, and that the power of God is in it. It is destined to prevail. It will not again be taken from the earth. The honor and duty of declaring and sustaining it will not be given to another people.

J. F. W.

MINUTES OF THE LEEDS CONFERENCE.

THE Leeds semi-annual conference convened in Bradford, Sunday, October 3rd, 1920. There were about one hundred and thirty at the morning session. Members of the Bradford Sunday-school gave brief accounts of "The birth of Joseph Smith," Violet Whitaker; "Visions of Joseph Smith," Muriel Banham; "The cause of the Prophet Joseph Smith's Vision," Cyril Warnes; "History of the Hill Cumorah," Ethel Brooker; and "The Martyrdom," John Wilson. Maud Whitley, of Leeds, recited the Articles of Faith, President Leonard H. Whipple urged all to send their children to Sunday-school.

At the afternoon session two hundred persons assembled. Presi- Whipple presented the general authorities of the Church. Elders Wilfrid H. Wheatley, Harry Greenall, Arthur Priestley, Harry Stoker and Leonard A. Higgins were the speakers. After them President George Albert Smith spoke upon the Scriptures and suitable reading matter for young people.

About three hundred saints and friends congregated in the evening. The spirit of the Lord was there in rich abundance, as it was at all the services. Elders Nicholson Elliott and Reginald Sanders spoke, followed by Dr. George H. Higgins. Sister Mabel Day very beautifully sang, "This is My Task."

President Smith spoke on lawful authority, and cited the incident of the priests of Baal and Elijah. He said it was impossible for the churches to amalgamate if the leaders lack authority. All men must come to recognize that and be baptized by the authorized servants of God, to be saved in His kingdom.

On Saturday night a priesthood and lady missionary meeting was held, at which a spiritual feast was given in the form of advice, exhortation and counsel by the mission President and others.

SUSTAIN THE AUTHORITIES.

UNDOUBTEDLY, you have raised your hand as a sign that you have accepted those presented to preside over you, as officers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. But is that all you are willing to do? If it is, the raising of your hand means nothing. The act is the sign of the covenant that you make to sustain, uphold, support, defend and maintain these officers in righteousness before all men. It would be a poor party to a contract, that would only put his name to an agreement and then fail to fulfil the conditions. The person who breaks a contract is not held in high esteem. How much less will one, who takes upon him religious obligations, and then fails to live up to them, be viewed. There is only one title that fits his condition and that is, he's a covenant breaker.

The golden chain that links us to our exaltation is Divine authority. Those who would be saved receive the ordinances of salvation by this power and means. If they destroy the chain, their opportunities for exaltation are lost, but if they cling to the golden links it will raise them to a realization of their hopes.

The Savior to impress a valuable lesson upon His disciples, put a child before them and said: "Whosoever receiveth this child in My name receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me, receiveth the Father." It then follows that those who do not receive the messengers of God cannot claim to love Him who sent them. For if a child is to be received, if sent in the name of the Savior, then how much more should one be received and upheld who is clothed with

the authority after the order of the Son of God. They hold the same power that the Redeemer holds, because He sent them. He not only sends them to do certain things, but to officiate in the ordinances of the gospel in His stead. No wonder, then, that He prayed for His disciples that "whosoever should believe on their words may be accepted as one, even as the Father and He were one." The authority and the commission which true messengers of life and salvation hold and use is that of the Son of Man and cannot be disregarded with impunity, because it is God's power. Even though the individual be a local man, a traveling elder, or some other official, he is sent by the power of the great Emmanuel. And he who fails to support, sustain, give aid, comfort, solace, advice, or fails to abide by the counsel which is given by such, neglects or rejects the authority of God. Hence it becomes a serious offense not to sustain by faith and works those who are placed in authority in the Church. Their sin is that of resisting the power of God, and no man or woman can receive exaltation by resisting the power that is given for their salvation.

How do you receive those who are sent unto you? Do you feel toward them like Paul did when he said: "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things." Do you receive them as you would the great Master? If not you do not recognize them as standing before you as the Savior's representatives. Sometimes the envoy is received, but when he has departed those he has been laboring with try to undermine his influence, say unkind things about him, reveal his weakness to his enemies, and in many ways weaken his good influence. These are enemies, not only to the envoy himself, but to the Holy One who sent him.

It may be asked what constitutes a sufficient reason for not sustaining those in positions given to them by the authorities of the church. That question may be easily answered by saying: Unless you know that the officer has committed some serious offense, such as murder or adultery, or has betrayed the principles of the gospel and become a traitor to the officials and the Church, or committed some other heinous offense, you would not be justified in not sustaining him. If his sins were grievous, undoubtedly the presiding authority would not be prompted to put such a one into office. The matter of likes and dislikes and petty differences should in no wise enter into the matter. If, in doubt, one ought to say in the words of a noble pioneer, "As long as the Lord can sustain a man, I shall be found trying to."

It is a truth known among the Latter-day Saints that no man who lives an unrighteous life can long continue to serve his fellowmen in the Church. He becomes dissatisfied, wants to resign, or in some manner tries to relieve himself of the responsibility of his office. He knows, whether anybody else does or not, that God is aware of his wickedness, and he will naturally shun

responsibility before his Creator. This principle of purifying the Church is continually in operation and, therefore, we may leave the matter to the Lord and to those who are appointed to be overseers of His ministry.

With these reasons it may be readily seen that those who do not sustain the authorities are wrong. Therefore, ask yourselves, do you sustain the authorities of the Church as at present constituted?

JAMES GUNN MCKAY.

OCCUPATION IN HEAVEN.

THE thought that heaven, our future home, is a defined region is necessary to the satisfaction of our faith, and the clearness of our hope. Let it then be settled in our thoughts for the encouragement of our faith, that the home of our future life will be a region, worthy of our coming glory, worthy of Him, who is going to prepare a place for us, as definitely real and local as that we now occupy. It will bear the relations to our spiritual being, and our perfected body, as Jerusalem, or any other city as a present home, bears to this earthly life. The words of Christ when he said: "In my Father's house there are many mansions." suggests the idea of home, and home involves the further idea of society. Thus we reach the idea of a vast family at home, angels and saints together, principalities, authorities and powers, all in order, all perfectly happy, all in union; for sin, the disturber of peace, and the destroyer of harmony has no place there, and all are occupied. But how?

That there will be intellectual occupations we can have no doubt. The divine life in man will have its elements, activities, and pursuits continued hereafter. The power of thought here, is a marvelous thing; it is the men of thought who govern the affairs of the world, and promote the advancement of mankind. So in heaven there will be spiritual research, progressive acquaintance with the attributes, the works, and the ways of God. The saints must learn in varied degrees, with their varied powers; and the sciences of heaven will form fitting study and high occupation for beings redeemed from evil, and freed forever from all carnal tendency. The exercise of memory there will be marvelous, as without any fear to haunt us, we survey all the way our Father led us, and see the solution of difficulties, and the beauty, harmony, and mercy of providences and experiences which were mysterious to us here.

There we shall see, as it is impossible for us to now see, how in this life all things were arranged to work together for our good, and the study of this must be an exhilarating exercise and high delight. The law of Christ's kingdom here on earth is to every

man his work, and this will be the law of the kingdom forever and ever. For high and holy duty in Paradise, the activity, as well as the suffering of the present life, is intended as a preparation. The population of heaven as far as living beings are concerned, will be immense. "A great multitude which no man can number," and of this mighty throng a vast proportion will necessarily be those who left this world in infancy and childhood.

How delightful the occupation to teach, and train these youthful spirits. The duty of training them while they lived on earth devolved not on angels, but on men, and to the extent that they will require enlightenment and education, it is most consonant with all that we know of God's dealings to believe that they will be committed to those of their own kind, of wider experience and higher attainments. What a vast difference must there be between the attainments of the Apostle Paul, and indeed many whom we have known in the church on earth, and the young who have only just entered the Church and then been called away to the home above. Can we conceive any occupation more attractive or delightful than for the experienced to instruct the young and less experienced, in the ways of God; unfolding to them mysteries which have been solved to themselves, and leading them up to still higher attainments in the knowledge of truth. Christ when a child on earth, though perfect in His childhood, grew in wisdom and was subject to His earthly parents who brought Him up at Nazareth. So will childhood grow in heaven. There will be diversity there, a diversity which suggests a vast field of occupation and exercise, each one of the saints contributing in some way to the felicity and progress of all, and the varying gifts of nature, the diverse discipline of experience, and the distinctions of grace will fit all the saints for different and delightful employment. Wonderful, diversified, and glorious will be the occupations of the saints of God, after they have entered their heavenly home, into the presence of their Lord, fashioned like him and co-workers with Him, worlds without end.

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WATER-SPOUTS.

ONE of the surest indications of an ocean storm is the water-spout, which is one of the most impressive and awe-inspiring sights at sea. The explanation of its being is simple enough. A whirlwind or gyrating current of air seizes the water, as on land it snatches up sand or dust, and whirls it up to the clouds, which thus receive some of the moisture of which they are composed. I saw a curious illustration of this once when sailing in a boat near the shore, the wind being nor'-northwest, and the weather very dry. I observed a thread-like column of dust on the land skurry-

ing toward the water—it was a small whirlwind: no sooner did it touch the water than the column turned as if by magic into water, coming with great rapidity toward the boat. I at once luffed and and let go the sheet, and the water-spout passed off within two or three yards, and was perhaps two to four inches in diameter. But a real, live water-spout, that means mischief, is a sublime object, to be regarded with just apprehension by all sailors, for they are sometimes sufficiently large and violent to founder a ship. A cannon-ball brought to bear on one will, however, sometimes cause it to break. When there are several in a row, as I have repeatedly seen them in the Black Sea, where they are especially common, they look like a column of majestic pillars supporting the sky.

I never shall forget a magnificent water-spout that nearly overwhelmed us one gloomy twilight in the Gulf Stream, It was blowing very fresh about dusk, when the captain came out to take another look before supper. The man at the wheel was looking into the binnacle, and no one else had seen a huge water-spout, which the captain had perceived as soon as he had put his head above the companion-way. It was advancing with great velocity directly on a line with the ship, and was alarmingly near. The captain sprang to the wheel, and, pushing the helmsman aside, put the helm down and kept away several points, and the water-spout passed just astern; another minute of delay and the brave little bark would have carried her crew to Davy Jones.

That night it blew great guns. The bark was only one hundred and ninety tons, and heavily laden, and it is a wonder she kept afloat. The following morning, however, the gale broke, but a tremendous sea was still running, and as one huge wave boarded us I was completely lifted off the deck and carried over the rail. No one can ever tell exactly how things happen at such times, it is all so sudden; but while I was floating there a second's time, between the incoming and the refluent waves, as it were, the mate, who was by the fife-rail, swung off, holding on to a rope's end, and caught me in the nick of time.

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FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Socials.—A farewell dinner was held in the Bovington branch, September 20th, 1920, in honor of Sister E. M. Salway and family. Covers were laid for seventeen and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Sister Salway and children are leaving England to join her husband and father in Cardston, Canada.

At St. Albans September 1st, 1920, the Relief Society held a social and bazaar. After a very enjoyable program, the handicraft of the society was offered for sale, and they cleared £10 5s. Many

members from nearby branches, as well as the local elders, turned out and all pronounced the evening a big success.

A farewell social and concert was held in Glasgow, September 30th, 1920, Brother Thomas Hunter presiding, in honor of Brother James H. and Sister Hood, who are leaving with their family for Zion October 8th, 1920. The program consisted of songs and recitations. Elder James E. Rennie, on behalf of the saints, presented them with gifts, as a token of esteem and respect. Brother Hood thanked one and all for the kindness shown to them. Refreshments were served under the direction of Sister Jeannie Glass, President of the Relief Society. A very enjoyable evening was spent; there were forty-four present.

Branch Conferences.—President Virgil B. Stallings, Elders Harold E. Brough, Abraham Noble, Bertram J. Coombs, and Sister Annie E. Noble, attended a branch conference held at Derby, September 19th, 1920. There were three sessions. In the morning the children recited the Articles of Faith, and sang various pieces; remarks were offered by Sister Noble, President Stallings, and Bertram J. Coombs. In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered and the presiding authorities were presented, and remarks made by Elders Brough and Noble. A trio was rendered by Sister Oram, Brothers Oram and Bradley. At the evening meeting Sister Noble and Brother Stallings gave instructive and interesting addresses. All the services were well attended, several strangers being present.

The following brethren from Nottingham attended a branch conference held at Eastwood, September 12th, 1920, President Virgil B. Stallings, Elders Harold E. Brough, Abraham Noble, Sister Annie Noble, and Elder Thomas M. Wheeler from Liverpool. The children recited in concert, the Ten Commandments, the Articles of Faith, and the principal incidents in the Life of Joseph Smith; all being done very correctly and without a mistake, an exceedingly creditable performance. Elder Wheeler gave a very interesting talk to the children. The afternoon and evening sessions were well attended, the small room being well filled. The singing was exceptionally good, and the addresses listened to with evident attention and interest.

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